(ग) क्या सरकार इस क्षेत्र में तस्करी की रोकथाम के लिये कोई सीमा शुल्क कार्यालय खोलने के संबंध में विचार कर रही है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चंद्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Smuggled Goods Seized in Gujarat

2019. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state,

(a) the total value of the smuggled goods seized by the customs office situated at Bhagau Bhander in Gujarat during the last five years;

(b) the number of the persons arrested in this regard and number of cases registered against them alongwith the action taken theron; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government to stop smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY : (a) No seizure has been made by the customs office situated at Bhagwa Bander (Bhagau Bhander) in Gujarat during the last five years.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The Customs authorities remain vigilant against all smuggling activities. Close coordination is being maintained among all Central and State Government agencies concerned with the prevention and detection of smuggling.

Rehabilitation Package for Sick Units

2020. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI RAMCHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether instructions have been issued by Reserve Bank of India for extension of reliefs/concessions by Banks under rehabilitation package for sick public sector undertakings;

(b) whether the instructions also include the security clause as per which Banks/Financial Institutions are free to insist upon the type and form of security including guarantee by Central/state Government and whether they are free to decline credit otherwise; and

(c) whether similar security is being insisted upon in the case of private sector from the promoter Directors/major shareholders and are meticulously followed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The principles of prescribing security are equally applicable to sick units in the public and private sectors. In the case of private sector, such security could be from the promoters/major shareholders and in the case of public sector units, the respective Central/State Government: The prescription of appropriate security, albeit within RBI guidelines has to be decided on a case to case basis and mainly on commercial considerations, The question of meticulously insisting on particular set of securities may,therefore, not arise.

Smuggling of Costly Birds

2021. SHRI K. M. KHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some attempt to smuggle costly birds has been foiled by officials of customs deptt. at I. G. I. Airport during November, 1994 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether during this operation some arrests as well as recovery of birds have been made ;

(d) if so, the details thereof with names of birds and modus operandi of arrested persons ;

(e) whether action has been taken against involved persons for violating the convention of International Trade of Endangered species ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (f) Yes Sir. On 21-11-94 three passengers who had landed by AI-732 from Dubai were carrying three cartons packed with 201 live birds. The live birds were stuffed into wire-gauge cases which is turn were concealed within plywood boxes with multiple holes. The passengers attempted to smuggle these boxes as personal baggage by walking through Green Channel but were intercepted at the exist gate. All the three passengers have been arrested and remanded to Judicial Custody. Following are the details of birds seized from them :

1. Blue & Yellow Macaw (Ara Araruna)	10
2. Blue headed parrot (Pionus mes struus menstruus)	8
3. Blue fronted Amazon (Amazona aestiva-aestiv)	3
4. Crimson bellied Conure (Pyrrhura rhodogaster)	2